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SUBJECT:LIBERIAN MEETING WITH US INVESTORS

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1. ON DECEMBER 8 AT 4:00 PM A MEETING CHAIRED BY AMBAS-
SADOR ANDREW YOUNG AND COORDINATED BY OPIC WAS HELD AT
USUN BETWEEN A DELEGATION OF TOP-LEVEL LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER C. CECIL DENNIS
AND APPROXIMATELY 55 REPRESENTATIVES OF US FIRMS INTERESTED
IN DOING BUSINESS IN COUNTRIES LIKE LIBERIA. IN ADDITION
TO THOSE LISTED IN REFTEL B, THE LIBERIAN DELEGATION IN-
CLUDED LIBERIAN PERMREP DAVID M. THOMAS, SENATOR W.V.S.
"SHAD" TUBMAN, AMBASSADORS-AT-LARGE EMMETT HARMON AND HARRY
MORRIS, AND PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S YOUNGEST SON WILLIAM.

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2. THE MEETING WAS OPENED AND CLOSED BY AMBASSADOR YOUNG
WHO HOSTED THE COCKTAIL RECEPTION WHICH FOLLOWED. DURING
THE MEETING ITSELF FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS, DEPUTY
MINISTER GERALD PADMORE, EMMANUEL GARDINER, AND NAH DOE
BROPLEH, AND INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE DIRECTOR, JOSEPH RICHARDS
EACH SPOKE FOR APPROXIMATELY 10-15 MINUTES. AMBASSADOR
ROBERT P. SMITH, VICE PRESIDENT FOR DEVELOPMENT AT OPIC,

THEN OUTLINED THE SERVICES OF HIS OPERATION AND INTRODUCED THE QUESTION-ANSWER SESSION WHICH FOLLOWED.

3. COMMENT: DURING THE RECEPTION FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS EXPRESSED GREAT ENTHUSIASM OVER THE MEETING TO SEVERAL OBSERVERS, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG DECEMBER 9 TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL THANKS. THE LIBERIAN SPEAKERSON THE WHOLE MADE A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION, PARTICULARLY DEPUTY FINANCE MINISTER PADMORE. BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES GENERALLY COMMENTED QUITE POSITIVELY ON THE INVESTMENT CLIMATE IN LIBERIA, AND A NUMBER OF THEM WERE OBSERVED TO BE FOLLOWING UP ON POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES. END COMMENT.

4. THE DEPARTMENT WAS REPRESENTED BY AMBASSADOR W. BEVERLY CARTER, JR. AND AF/W OFFICER DIRECTOR SMITH. A GUEST LIST AND AGENDA AS WELL AS OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ARE BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY SEPARATELY.

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